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REMARKS/ARGUMENTS

The present application contains claims 5-28. Claims 1-4 have been canceled without prejudice to applicant in order to expedite the prosecution of the present application. Claim 1 has been canceled and replaced by new claim 5. Claims 6-28 have been newly added.

Claims 1-4 have been rejected as failing to comply with the second paragraph of 35 U.S.C. Section 112. Claims 1-4 have been canceled. It is submitted that new claims 5-28 now comply with requirements of 35 U.S.C. Section 112 and that this rejection should be withdrawn.

Claims 1-4 have been rejected under 35 U.S.C. Section 103(a) as unpatentable over "Extend-A-Name" by World Software Corporation (hereinafter Primary Reference). Claims 1-4 having been canceled without prejudice to applicant, this rejection is respectfully traversed as regards new claims 5-28.

A detailed review of the Primary Reference (hereinafter referred to as "PR") fails to indicate that there is a memory device which is equivalent to EEPROM14(e) of the present application. The section of the PR entitled "Copying of File and Giving it a New DOS Name" appearing on page 54 and continuing over to page 55 of the PR, automatically gives a copied file a new name when it determines there is already a file with the same DOS name at the destination file #2. There is no teaching incrementing a number in a file name responsive to received image data.

It should be noted from the present invention that when a file is copied, the file does **not** receive a new file name but retains its original file name. Also, note the section entitled "Changing the Prefix or Suffix from Automatic DOS Name" starting at the bottom of page 94 and continuing over to page 95 of PR which states that the user types in three (3) letters to use as a prefix when it creates the DOS

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Amendments to Drawings:

The attached drawing sheet includes changes to Fig. 20. This sheet, which includes Fig. 20, replaces the original sheet including Fig. 20. In Fig. 20, in S196 DFSB0063,XXX has been changed to DFSB0064,XXX.

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names for user's files. In the invention of the present application, these letters are **automatically generated** by the file name generator.

In addition to the above, there is no reference to a memory device of the EEPROM14(e) type which stores and manages the file name.

Examiner, at item 5, page 3 of the Detailed Official Action states that the difference between the claimed invention and the teachings of the PR is that the reference does not expressly teach the limitations of the preamble but states that the claimed invention does not utilize or incorporate the "image manipulating system" in any way in the body of the claims.

It is submitted that new claims 5-28 incorporate the "image manipulating system" and it is submitted that all of the features set forth in new claims 5-28 patentably distinguish over the cited PR.

It is further submitted that the new claims 5-28 are fully supported by the specification and drawings of the present application. Applicant has submitted herewith a marked up set of new claims 5-18 which incorporates references to the text of the published pending application U.S. 2004/0049607 A1, together with copies of the pages of the published application in which said support is found. Claims 19-28 recite limitations similar to claims 5-18 and the Examiner's attention is directed to the notations and highlighted text of the published application pages referred to above.

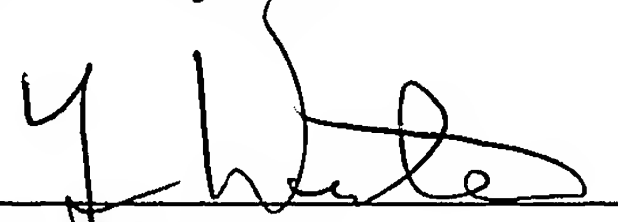
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In view of the foregoing, it is submitted that new claims 5-28 patentably distinguish over the art of record and reconsideration and allowance of these claims are earnestly solicited.

Favorable action is awaited.

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Enclosures

FIG.20

